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news from the Library Director Collections

The purpose of the Chula Vista Public Library is to increase knowledge and enrich lives within the community. We accomplish this by connecting people equitably to responsive programs, services, and resources in a manner that reflects the ideals of a democratic society.

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Collections



A Note from the Director: Library Facing Challenges



You may have seen or read recent stories about Chula Vista's budget shortfall. Unfortunately, they have been all too accurate. The City needs to cut millions of dollars from its operating budget, and each department, including the Library, is being asked to tighten its belt. As a result, we have spent the last several months analyzing potential budget reductions. In November, the City Council will review those proposals and make the final decisions.

Although there will undoubtedly be impacts to our guests, I can assure you that the Chula Vista Public Library will continue its century-long tradition of quality service. We have an outstanding team of librarians and other employees who are determined to keep the ship on a steady course. Please check our website regularly for the latest news about library hours, locations and services.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the end-of-the-year retirement of Assistant Library Director Paula Brown. Paula has worked for the Chula Vista Public Library for over 31 years. During her tenure she has served as a children's and reference librarian, as the system's Adult Services Coordinator, as the department's analyst, and since 1998 as Assistant Director. We are all going to miss her lively spirit and commitment to the profession and the community.

Happy retirement, Paula. You deserve it!

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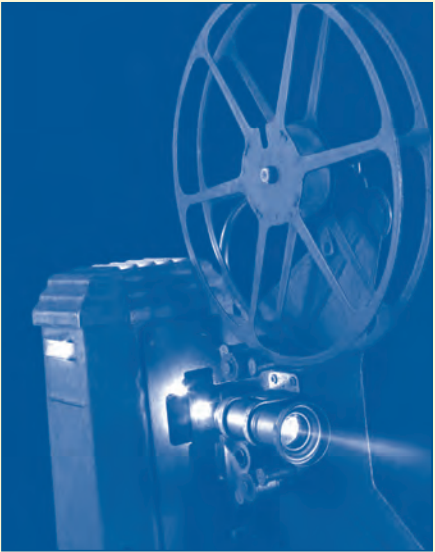
Staff Assists Major Film Studio

Universal Studios wanted to buy a used collection of books for an upcoming movie, and the timing couldn't have been better for the Chula Vista Public Library. The library was just starting a project to update the reference collection, by removing (weeding) many old materials that were no longer needed, and the production company was willing to pay for the books. These old materials included outdated law and medical books, newspapers set to be sent to recycling, indexes for books that no longer existed, and much more.

"The project took about one month and it ended up involving all three of our libraries," said Kim Laru, librarian at Civic Center Branch. "I actually received a character analysis of the newspaper journalist, so I knew what type of materials they were looking for," Laru continued. As with all weeded materials, they were given to the Friends of the Chula Vista Library, who in turn received the check for \$6,330. The Friends use their proceeds to help fund library programs, such as cultural arts events and the annual reading programs.

The film is tentatively titled "State of Play" and is set to star Brad Pitt, Jason Bateman, Edward Norton, Robin Wright-Penn, Rachel McAdams and Helen Mirren. According to the Internet Movie Database (www.imdb.com), it begins filming in November with a fall 2008 release. Based on a BBC miniseries, the movie is about a newspaper journalist (Pitt) who investigates a congressman (Norton) whose mistress has been murdered.

Many scenes in the film will take place in the newspaper's office. That office is lined with books, which will include the many books from Chula Vista. Laru calculated the library's books could fill 136 shelves for Universal's movie set. So look for the library at the movies next fall --- or at least some of our old and no longer needed materials.



Volunteers Necessary for Library to Provide Quality Services

With 212 active volunteers, the Chula Vista Public Library has a very successful Volunteer Program. Each of them contribute an average of 25 hours per month, which gives the library a total of 63,600 hours of community service per year. About 75 percent of our volunteers are young adults who need community service hours to graduate from high school and the remaining 25 percent are college students, other adults and seniors. Volunteer Coordinator Fabiola Mendiola said, “Without volunteers, the Chula Vista Public Library would not be the growing, friendly and committed library that it is. Many programs simply could not be run without the assistance of our dedicated volunteers.”

Volunteers share their time and knowledge with our community and consequently, the library has always acknowledged and rewarded volunteers. Last year, following the City-wide Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, the library presented volunteers who had reached more than 250 hours of community service with an “open book gold pin” at a volunteer celebration. Continuing with our long-time tradition of rewarding and acknowledging

our library volunteers, this year the library will once more gratefully acknowledge 30 new volunteers who have already reached over 250 hours of volunteer service.

Anyone interested in volunteering can download the application at www.chulavistaca.gov and search “volunteer opportunities”, visit the library to pick up an application, or call Fabiola Mendiola at (619) 691-5000.



Long-time volunteer, Joyce Fex, shelves videos.

Volunteers with 250+ hours of service in 2007

Dave Evans	Ken Newton	Kevin Ryan	Shirley Toth	Joyce Clester	Lisa Swift	Lorena Haneline
Rick Hannum	Nadine Patti	Gilbert Sandoval	Marge Hale	Sal Tapia	Ed Spies	Marion Huntington
Margie Lidster	Margie Roland	Fred Weber	Jose Coons	Lauren Booth	Brandon Clement	Jorge Galindo
Jean Meaney						

“Three Cultures with a Guitar” Promises Great Concerts in November

- During the month of November, the Chula Vista Public Library will host a musical event at two of the libraries. “Three Cultures with a Guitar” will feature three artists with three very different styles.
- **Nov. 8 at 6 p.m.**
Marco Auerlio Álvarez, originally of Mexico City, will perform at the South Chula Vista Branch
 - **Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.**
Galina Vale (Vernigora), originally of the Ukraine, will perform at the Civic Center Branch
 - **Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.**
Woratep Rattana-Umpawan, originally of Thailand, will perform at the Civic Center Branch.

Alvírez was raised in México City and is currently the Academic Principal of the Music Conservatory of Chihuahua. Since 1996 he has professionally dedicated himself to music composition and giving guitar recitals.

Vale, also known under her maiden name of Vernigora, has won international guitar competitions in four different nations, and has recorded CDs, and been featured on television and radio. In the U.S. she performed on radio in a program entitled “Great Women Guitarists.”

Rattana-Umpawan began playing guitar at age 12. A three time winner of the Yamaha Guitar Festival in Bangkok, he is recognized as one of the best guitarists in Thailand.

For additional information contact the branches.

Save the Date: February 9, 2008!

February is traditionally a month to celebrate love, and the Chula Vista Public Library Foundation is following that tradition by organizing a February “love-in” for the Library!

This will be the Library Foundation's very first fundraising event - an elegant and exciting Heirloom Discovery/Wine Tasting evening. “A unique feature of the event will be an opportunity to have an Antiques Roadshow-style evaluation of a favorite antique, memento, collectible, clock, watch or piece of jewelry,” said Roderick Reinhart, the Foundation's Board Secretary. Georgie Stillman, ASA and Pamela Bensoussan, ASA, will lead an Heirloom

Discover Team of expert appraisers. Members of the Foundation Board involved with planning the event include Terry Cleary, Dency Souval, Lourdes Valdez, Michael Monaco, Harry LaBore and Karen Myers.

The event will take place at the beautiful Monteville Recreation Center, located at 840 Duncan Ranch Road, from 6 - 9 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2008. Approximately 250 guests will enjoy an evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres and discovery, all while benefiting the Chula Vista Public Library. Mark your calendars now and watch for an invitation in the mail in January.

Score a Touchdown with Tackle a Good Book

Tackle a Good Book is the library's annual fall reading program, with a football theme. Kids and teens can visit the library to pick up a reading booklet, and receive rewards for reading during the month of November.

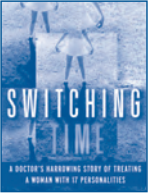
Charger fan and Senior Librarian Debbie Taylor says, “This is my favorite reading program of the year, and it is a great opportunity for the kids and teens in our community to read and receive rewards. Whether you are a football fan or not, this reading program is fun for all.” For more information on the program, visit your local branch to pick up a booklet and some books; then read and score a TOUCHDOWN!



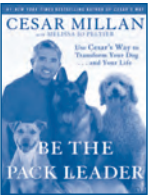
Too Good to Miss: Recommended Reading



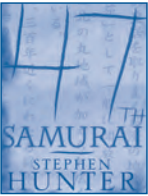
American Masala: 125 New Classics from My Home Kitchen
by Suvir Saran and Raquel Pelzel
Integrating the flavors, textures, and techniques of India and America, this is an innovative compendium of 125 recipes for easy-to-prepare dishes for everyday meals with an Indian influence. Includes recipes for Tamarind Glazed Turkey with Jalapeno Cornbread Stuffing, Indian Shrimp Scampi, Parmesan Spiced Chicken Cutlets, and Pistachio and Cardamom Pound Cake with Lemon Icing. Hungry yet? If not, take a look at the cover.



Switching Time: A Doctor's Harrowing Story Of Treating A Woman With 17 Personalities
by Richard K. Baer
A psychiatrist describes his work with Karen Overhill, a patient complaining of acute depression who turned out to have been a victim of horrific childhood sexual abuse, who to survive had developed seventeen distinct and separate personalities, and his challenging efforts to reunite the separate selves into a whole person.



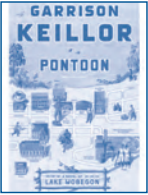
Be the Pack Leader: Use Cesar's Way To Transform Your Dog--And Your Life
by Cesar Millan with Melissa Jo Peltier
A renowned dog behavior expert and author of the best-selling Cesar's Way demonstrates the skills one needs to become the family pack leader to help a dog live a balanced, fulfilled life, bringing together practical tips and techniques with real-life success stories to help readers overcome common dog behavior problems.



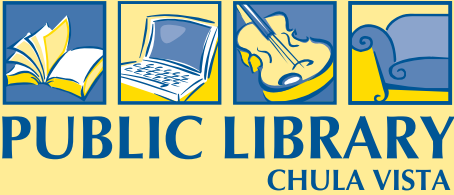
The 47th Samurai
by Stephen Hunter
Reclaiming a lost military sword for a Japanese war veteran, Bob Lee Swagger is forced to postpone his retirement when a self-proclaimed samurai brutally murders the veteran's family, a crime Swagger vows to avenge.



Mozart's Sister: a Novel
by Rita Charbonnier; translated by Ann Goldstein
A richly textured historical novel offers a fictional portrait of the life of Maria Anna Mozart, the older sister of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and a musical prodigy in her own right, who was forced by their father to put aside her talent to become a piano teacher to support his ambitious plans for her brother, until a potential suitor helps her find a way to express her musical genius.



Pontoon: a Lake Wobegon Novel
by Garrison Keillor
Astonished to learn that her impeccable mother led a secret life marked by her passionate love for a Las Vegas man and a private commitment to pleasure, Barbara elects to end destructive patterns in her own life while honoring her mother's final wishes.



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